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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), established by Security Council resolution 2100 (2013) of 25 April 2013, and most recently extended by resolution 2295 (2016) of 29 June 2016.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Jean-Paul Deconinck (Belgium) as Force Commander of MINUSMA. Major General Deconinck will succeed Major General Michael Lollesgaard (Denmark), who completed his tour of duty on 31 December 2016.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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